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To Whom It May Concern:

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This letter is to appeal the final determination to close the Imperial, Texas Post Office. In reference to the document Docket 1367868-79743, Item # 47, I would like to address several concerns.

On page 2 of said document it was stated that the postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on August 01, 2009. It is my understanding that the postmaster at the time did not retire, but was made Officer in Charge of the Fort Stockton post office and then applied for and was hired for the postmaster position in Fort Stockton. If this is so, not only did the postmaster not retire from the Imperial Post Office, but there also was not a hiring freeze going on, as also stated in this document, or he would not have been hired at the Fort Stockton office.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation. The study was conducted during the first part of the summer when school was out and many employees as well as many members of the community were on vacation. This is a small community and the school is one of the biggest employers. This timing affected the outcome of the study.

The document stated that retail service is also available at the Grandfalls Post Office 11 miles away. The Grandfalls Post Office is on a list of possible closures, which would make the nearest post office 29 miles away should it close.

The document states under advantages of the proposal that customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail. We already have 24-hour access to our mail as the post boxes are in an area of the post office that is accessible 24-hours a day. The document states that closure will save time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail. How will it save time if we have to drive a few blocks less to an area where the new boxes are located? From this document, it does not appear to include daily home delivery, but delivery to cluster box units.

Finally, as a small, growing community, the importance of having a point of contact where most of the citizens go cannot be underestimated. Our post office is where we post notices for community events, or other important information. From studies I have seen, there are many larger post offices losing more money than our office. We may end up being 30 miles away from many of the services provided by our post office. I would urge that you reconsider the closure of the Imperial, Texas Post Office.

Sincerely,

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